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SUBJECT: NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE - ECA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S VIEWS

1. AMBASSADOR BOLEN MET WITH ECA EXECUTIVE SECRETNRY ADEDEJI AT ADEDEJI'S REQUEST ON MARCH 1. AFTER ADEDEJI HAD PRESENTED HIS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT IN REMOTE SENSING, UNDATS AND THE TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY PROJECT, THE CONVERSATION TURNED TO INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. ADEDEJI BELIEVES THAT THE DEVELOPING WORLD RECOGNIZES THAT MANY YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GRADUALLY RESTRUCTURE THE ECONOMIC INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM TO THE ADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS POLITICALLY IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BELIEVE THERE IS HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. THE BASIC OBJECTIVE IS, OF COURSE, INCREASED TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM THE DEVELOPED TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE PROBLEMS REVOLVE AROUND THE MODALITIES BY WHICH THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NO LONGER PREPARED TO REGARD OFFICIAL AID AS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR CARRYING OUT
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THESE TRANSFERS. HENCE THE STRESS ON COMMON FUND, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DEBT, ETC. ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS PROBLEM IS THE DESIRE OF THE DEVELOPIOP COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN INTERNAT-IONAL ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING.

2. ADEDEJI SAID THE DEVELOPING WORLD HAS HIGH HOPES FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S

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POSITIONS IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AND THE PROJECTED ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. IF THE CIEC AND SUMMIT CONFERENCES FAIL TO PRODUCE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OR HOPE FOR PROGRESS, ADEDEJI FEARS THAT ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE CALLED WHICH COULD WELL BE EVEN MORE CONFRONTATIONAL AND DIVERSIVE THAN THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA.

3. COMMENT: ADEDEJI PLACED THE FOREGOING COMMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MAJOR THEMES OF HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE (SEE REFTEL), NAMELY THE NEED FOR A NEW NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN AFRICA. ADEDEJI IS CLEARLY COMMITTED TO DOING ALL IN HIS POWER TO ENCOURAGE POLICY CHANGES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE ECA WILL BE OVER-WHELMINGLY DEVOTED TO ACTIVITIES AT THESE LEVELS RATHER THAN AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.
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